

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Villages Covered under SAGY

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of villages covered under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) across the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan and West Bengal;
- (b) whether the work undertaken in each village adopted by MPs are progressing well and if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise including Rajasthan and West Bengal;
- (c) whether any work is pending or languishing due to lack of financial or other constraints, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide any special funds to States under the said scheme; and
- (e) if so the details thereof, State/UTwise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): The details of villages covered , as on 25.07.2016, under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) across the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan and West Bengal are at Annexure-I;

(b) to (c): While the activities for development of the first set of Adarsh Grams are going on, the Ministry of Rural Development have documented one hundred and one good initiatives in the Adarsh Grams on the initiatives taken up by Hon'ble Members of Parliament(MPs) and brought out in the form of "SANKALAN". The purpose is to share the best practices in the SAGY gram panchayats and widely disseminate the stories that will inspire other MPs and Adarsh Grams to initiate similar activities. A link to "SAGY-Sankalan" is available on the website of the Scheme www.saanjhi.gov.in under the heading "Good Practices". State-wise details of some of the other success stories reported from SAGY Gram Panchayats are at Annexure II. The Ministry has developed a 35 point indicators as "Panchayat Darpan" to monitor the progress of the SAGY Gram Panchayats. The progress of work for different sector specific interventions is being captured and updated on-line through the website of the Scheme by the implementing authorities.

(d) to (e): SAGY is primarily about unleashing the power of people who are expected to inculcate pride in village, encourage societal change/Behavioural change, take collective responsibility and initiate People projects. The development of Gram Panchayats identified under SAGY is intended to take place through the convergence and implementation of existing Government Schemes and Programmes without allocating additional funds. In pursuance of above, the relevant Ministries / Departments of the Central Government have been requested by the Ministry of Rural Development to make suitable changes, wherever appropriate, in the guidelines of their respective Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes / Programmes to enable priority to be given to the Gram Panchayats selected under SAGY. So far different Ministries/Departments have made changes in 21 of their Programme/Scheme guidelines. A number of state schemes are required to be converged with this scheme for maximising benefit. This would require the guidelines of State Schemes/Programmes to be suitably amended to give automatic and mandatory priority to the GPs selected under SAGY. The states/UTs have been requested to do the needful in this regard. However, as a onetime assistance, in the Financial Year 2014-15, the States had been given funds at the rate of Rs. 50,000/- for each SAGY Gram Panchayat to be used by the Collectors/DMs for meeting administrative expenses. In the Financial Year 2015-16, the States/UTs have been given varied amounts as a one-time financial assistance for hiring resource persons and meeting administrative expenses at the State/UT level under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana(SAGY).
